

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58745

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Appln. No.: 09/657,272

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No.: 9969

Examiner: Patrick L. Edwards

Filed: September 9, 2000

For: **IMAGE READING METHOD, IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF DISCRIMINATING DEFECT OF IMAGE DATA**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

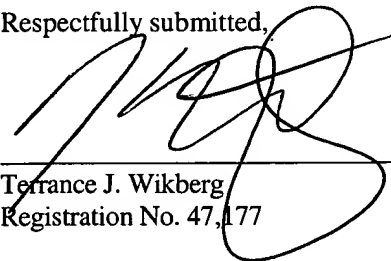
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of September 23, 2004 to February 23, 2005.

The USPTO is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 19-4880 the statutory fee of \$330.00. (A one month extension in the amount of \$120.00, was paid with the filing an Amendment 1.116 on January 24, 2005). The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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